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SUBJECT: LESOTHO INTEREST IN AID FINANCED INSTRUCTIONAL
MATERIALS CENTER AS PART OF NATIONAL TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE.

1. UNESCO SECRETARIAT HAS ASKED U.S. PRMDELEGATION
VIEWS REGARDING REQUEST UNESCO RECEIVED FROM LESOTHO
GOVERNMENT FOR UNESCO TO SEND DWIGHT ALLEN TO WASHINGTON
TO PARTICIPATE WITH LESOTHO EMBASSY WASHINGTONDC IN
MEETING WITH AID/W REGARDING PROPOSED AID PROJECT FOR
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS CENTER TO COMPLEMENT UNDP/UNESCO
MAJOR PROJECT OF NATIONAL TEACHER TRAINING CENTER.
ALLEN IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING UNESCO MEETING IN PARIS AND
PROPOSES RETURN MASERU VIA WASHINGTON. WASHINGTON TRIP
WOULD REQUIRE UNESCO TO COVER ADDITIONAL TRAVEL PARIS-
WASHINGTON-PARIS ON TOP OF MASERU-PARIS-MASERU TRAVEL.

2. UNESCO TOLD INFORMALLY BY US PERMDEL THAT USUAL PRO-
CEDURES FOR AID PROJECT DECISIONS ARE THAT AID FIELD
OFFICES SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO WASHINGTON FOLLOWED BY
EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS AND POSSIBLY PEOPLE BETWEEN AID/W
AND FIELD OFFICES. HOWEVER ALLEN HAS INFORMED US PERM
DEL THAT AID IN MASERU AND MBABANE SUGGESTED THAT HE
VISIT WASHINGTON. HE IS WILLING TO DO SO IN EFFORT TO
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SHORTEN TIME FOR DECISION MAKING REGARDING PROPOSAL AID

PROJECT.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IS U.S. PERMDEL SHOULD ASK
UNESCO SECRETARIAT TO AUTHORIZE ALLEN'S TRIP TO
WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, THIS SOMEWHAT CONTRARY TO UNESCO
PRACTICE. UNESCO GENERALLY PREFERS THAT THEIR ADVISORS
NOT GET INVOLVED IN PROMOTING PROJECTS WITH OTHER DONORS.
ALSO THEY FEEL THAT THIS WOULD ADD TO LESOTHO PROJECT
COSTS.
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